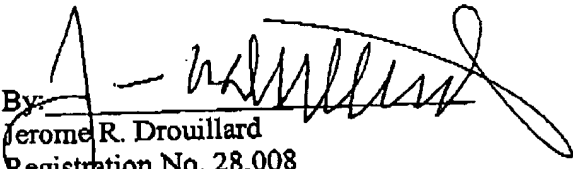


**REMARKS**

Claims 1 and 3-11 are in the application. By this amendment, Claims 1 and 3-4 are amended and Claims 2 and 12-14 are canceled.

The Examiner has objected to Claims 2-4 and 10 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but indicated that these Claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. As a result, Claim 1 has been amended by incorporating the substance of Claim 2 therein, and with this amendment each of the claims remaining in this case has been placed in condition for allowance and should be passed to issue. Such action is earnestly solicited.

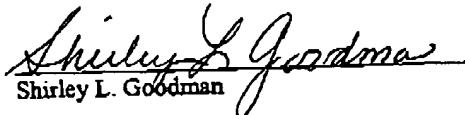
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